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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 15-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 15-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-4 and 15-24 are presented for examination.
2. The rejections of claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been withdrawn due to applicant's amendment filed 02/21/07.
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

or

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1-4 and 15-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cloutier et al. (Cloutier) patent no. 6,535,586.

5. As to claim 15, Cloutier teaches the invention as claimed, including a mobile communication terminal (Fig 1; col. 3 line 62 - col. 4 line 25; Cloutier teaches wireless communication device 170 can be cell phone, PCS device, a personal computer with wireless capabilities, or any wireless communication device equipped with transceiver and antenna inherently include transmitter and receiver), comprising:

receiving means for receiving a mail-arrival notifying signal together with a summary of an electronic mail to make a notice that said electronic mail arriving at a prescribed mail server is an urgent mail (col. 4 line 15 - col. 5 line 23; col. 5 lines 40-60; the wireless communication device receives alert of high priority message with a summary of the message arriving at e-mail server 110 using POP3 or IMAP); and

transmitting means for transmitting an acquisition instructing signal to a remote information processing apparatus to instruct said information processing apparatus to acquire said urgent mail including an attached file (col. 4 line 15 - col. 5 line 23; col. 5 lines 40-60; col. 6 line 36 - col. 8 line 21; the wireless communication device transmits command to messaging system server 120 to have the messaging system server retrieved said high priority e-mail message including attached file from the e-mail server 110 using POP3 or IMAP).

6. As to claims 16-17, Cloutier teaches said receiving means receives said mail-

arrival notifying signal over a public radio circuit network, and said receiving means receives said mail-arrival notifying signal from a prescribed mail-arrival monitoring apparatus which judges an electronic mail arriving said mail server, by radio communications for short distance (col. 2 lines 30-49; col. 3 lines 11-19).

7. As to claim 18, Cloutier teaches notifying means for notifying a user of arrival of said urgent mail, in response to said mail-arrival notifying signal received (col. 3 line 62 - col. 4 line 14).

8. As to claim 19, Cloutier teaches said transmitting means transmits said acquisition instructing signal including a Message-ID of an electronic mail that is judged as an urgent mail, included in said mail-arrival notifying signal (Abstract; col. 7 line 25 – col. 8 line 21).

9. As to claim 20, Cloutier teaches said transmitting means transmits said acquisition instructing signal to a prescribed information processing apparatus by radio communications for short distance, in response to an operation button which is operated by a user to instruct transmission of said acquisition instructing signal (col. 2 lines 30-49; col. 6 line 36 - col. 8 line 21).

10. As to claim 21, Cloutier teaches an information processing apparatus (Fig 1, messaging system server 120 and its description), comprising:

receiving means for receiving an acquisition instructing signal transmitted from a remote prescribed mobile communication terminal, according to a mail-arrival notifying signal to make a notice that an electronic mail arriving a prescribed mail server is an urgent mail (col. 4 line 15 - col. 5 line 23; col. 5 lines 40-60; col. 6 line 36 - col. 8 line 21; the messaging system server 120 receives command from the wireless communication device to retrieve said high priority e-mail message from the e-mail server 110 using POP3 or IMAP); and

mail acquiring means for acquiring said urgent mail including an attached file from said mail server in response to said acquisition instructing signal received from said mobile communication terminal (col. 4 line 15 - col. 5 line 23; col. 5 lines 40-60; col. 6 line 36 - col. 8 line 21; the messaging system server 120 retrieves said high priority e-mail message including an attached file from the e-mail server 110 using POP3 or IMAP).

11. As to claims 1-4 and 22-24, limitations of claims 1-4 and 22-24 that are similar to limitations of claims 15-21 are being rejected under the same rationale. In addition, Cloutier teaches mail arrival monitoring apparatus (col. 3 line 20 - col. 5 line 23; col. 5 lines 40-60; col. 6 line 36 - col. 8 line 21).

12. Applicant's arguments filed on 02/21/07 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive as discussed above.

13. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time

policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

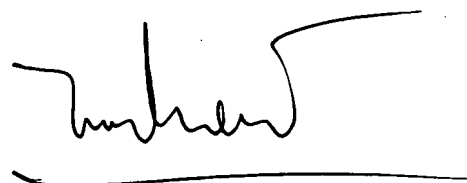
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14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu whose telephone number is 571-272-3884.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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